

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 to read as follows:

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1 (Amended). A method for inhibiting the growth of *Staphylococcus aureus* and toxic shock syndrome toxin-1 in liquids in contact with infants, said method comprising the step of:

diapering the infant with a dry diaper comprising an effective amount of an antimicrobial compound selected from the group consisting of tetrahydroiso-alpha acids, hexahydro-beta acids, and mixtures thereof.

2 (Amended). The method of claim 1, wherein said diaper is a disposable diaper, and said method inhibits toxic stress syndrome.

3 (Amended). The method of claim 2, wherein said compound is applied to the diaper dissolved in a liquid selected from the group consisting of water, alcohols, propylene glycol, glycerin, polyglycols, and mixtures thereof, and said diaper is subsequently dried so as to be dry to the touch.

4 (Amended). A dry diaper containing an antimicrobial compound selected from the group consisting of tetrahydroiso-alpha acids, hexahydro-beta acids, and mixtures thereof, said antimicrobial compound being effective against toxic shock syndrome.

6 (Amended). A cleansing wet wipe comprising an antimicrobial compound effective against toxic shock syndrome toxin-1, said compound selected from the group consisting of tetrahydroiso-alpha acids, hexahydro-beta acids, and mixtures thereof, in a liquid selected from the group consisting of water, alcohols, propylene-glycol, glycerine, polyglycols, and mixtures thereof.